

Political Events

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WASHINGTON — Administration sources have informed this writer that stepped-up aid to communist nations will be forthcoming as soon as the House approves a Senate-passed bill authorizing such aid.

The satellite nation of Poland is slated to receive perhaps the biggest chunk, despite recent developments showing the Red nation is as closely aligned with Moscow as ever. The Poles, in fact, have sent 13 million dollars in aid to Castro's Cuba, and have pledged more, if necessary.

Another nation to which aid can be dispatched under terms of the Administration bill is Czechoslovakia. This Soviet satellite has sent Cuba millions of dollars worth of military equipment — firearms, tanks, planes and ammunition.

Nearly a month ago, the Czech Ambassador to Havana informed Cuban military leaders that further aid would be coming. He announced also that Czech soldiers would be sent to Cuba if needed by the Castro army.

The White House, incidentally, is pulling out all stops to see that its bill (passed 43-36 by the Senate) gets thru the House.

Back of the general aid-to-education bill, comes an administration proposal to extend and expand the National Defense Education Act, which became law in 1958 as a temporary (until 1962) "spillover" emergency measure.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce told a Senate education subcommittee that the extension proposal is "much more than an extension" of the original act. The expansion, it says, "would augment the tremendous powers of the U.S. Commissioner of Education over the future course of American education". It would "establish a special permanent re-educational financing college and a special school of education for the training of students, and would empower him to direct the future of education."

According to the Chamber of Commerce, the bill "would make the Federal government the permanent sponsor of teacher training at all levels of education"; would lead to a "Federal power structure designed to direct the course of American education."

The National Defense Education Act, according to plans of administration men in Congress, will be up for action shortly after the general aid-to-education bill.

• Authoritative sources have disclosed information further emphasizing the incompetence of Central Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles and his liberal Deputy Richard Bissell in the Cuban invasion. The news is that the CIA's Intelligence Division, whose job it is to interpret and evaluate reports on Cuba and other theaters, was never consulted by Dulles of the Operational Division (which sprang the invasion). The head of the Intelligence Division first heard of the invasion when he read of it in the newspapers. In short, the judgment of the "eyes" (Intelligence) was not communicated to the "hands" (Operations) that set off the invasion.